

NEWS REPORTS

Psychology is not something that exists only between the covers of textbooks. Virtually every aspect of our daily lives is affected by psychology. We need to become more aware of this impact. Every other week, you will be responsible for submitting an article that deals with a topic related to psychology. You will be surprised how vast this field really is. Requirements for the article reports are contained on this sheet. **KEEP THIS SHEET FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.**

DUE DATE: Reports are **due on each Friday class meeting** day, unless specifically canceled.

TYPE OF ARTICLE: Articles from any **CURRENT** [within the previous 14 days] publications are acceptable. **NEWS BRIEFS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE.**

FORMAT: Your report must be set up using these specific **captions** and information. Points will be deducted for each missing item.

TITLE:

AUTHOR:

PUBLICATION: [include both name and volume of magazine, etc.]

DATE: [date of the newspaper, magazine or web visit]

PAGES: [include both the section of the paper and pages – or include the specific URL for the website; if using databases such as eLibrary or EBSCO, use the magazine bibliography format.]

SUMMARY: [Your summary must contain the important psychologically relevant information from *the entire article*. Be sure that you have read the entire article and can discuss it knowledgeably, if asked. Single sentence or “surface information” summaries will not receive credit. Be sure to include the factual data [evidence and examples] from the article.]

FIELD OF PSYCHOLOGY/psychological topic:

[You will get better at being able to accurately identify the fields or branches of Psychology as the year progresses and your knowledge expands. In the beginning your identification may be inaccurate – but you must try. See the back of this sheet for some of the fields and branches psychology.]

CRITIQUE OF POSITION:

[Do you agree or disagree with the premise of the article or with the opinion of the author? How does this article relate/affect your overall feelings concerning these issues, etc.? **EXPLAIN YOUR REASONS.**]

The actual article must be attached to your report when it is submitted. If the original article cannot be attached, a clean photocopy will be acceptable. News reports must be submitted in a **spiral notebook** [taped or pasted] specifically dedicated to news reports [and anything else that your teacher specifically requests be put into the notebook].

POINTS: News reports have a ten (10)-point value for each submission. Beware of treating this as an “unimportant” part of your responsibility – by the end of a grading period this can quickly add up to a significant portion of your grade – points add up quickly. If you are absent on any due date, your work is due on the day you return.

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Fields and Branches of Psychology [a partial list]

Some Terms and Ideas associated with:

- ❖ Learning
- ❖ Perception
- ❖ Behavioral/behaviorism
- ❖ Clinical
- ❖ Biological perspective
- ❖ Parapsychology
- ❖ Motivation
- ❖ Abnormal
- ❖ Testing
- ❖ Socio-cognitive perspective
- ❖ Humanistic perspective
- ❖ Stress
- ❖ Dreams and sleep
- ❖ Child and Adolescent psychology
- ❖ Neuro-psychology
- ❖ States of Consciousness
- ❖ Memory
- ❖ Thinking and language
- ❖ Ethics

Professional Specialties:

- ❖ Educational Psychology
- ❖ Clinical Psychology
- ❖ Counseling Psychology
- ❖ Industrial Psychology
- ❖ Organizational Psychology

Research Areas:

- ❖ Developmental
- ❖ Social
- ❖ Experimental
- ❖ Physiological
- ❖ Cognitive
- ❖ Personality
- ❖ Psychometrics

Psychological disorders:

- ❖ Insanity
- ❖ Anxiety
- ❖ Dissociative
- ❖ Schizophrenia
- ❖ Mood